2022 Phillips Murrah Externship Expands, Provides Real-World Experience

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Phillips Murrah recently completed its second Diversity Externship Program. The 2022 program was a great success, with more participants and expanded law school partnerships.

The Firm partnered with the University of Oklahoma College of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law to make the program's opportunities more widely available, and doubled the number of participating law school students. This year's externship class included Justine Ellis (OU Law), Jonathan Garcia (OCU Law), RJ Hester (OCU Law), and Christy Montenegro (OCU Law).

Phillips Murrah initiated its Diversity Externship Program in January 2021 as a part of the Firm's efforts to foster diversity and inclusion within the Firm and in the legal community at large. The Program exposes students to the everyday practice of law, cultivates relationships, and provides mentorship and opportunities to enhance legal skills. Participating students gain legal experience while working at Phillips Murrah's Oklahoma City office and receive course credit.

In the gallery below, view photos of our 2022 Phillips Murrah Externs' visit to the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The Externship Program is spearheaded by the Firm's <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>and Inclusion</u> Committee, chaired by Director <u>Candace</u> <u>Williams Lisle</u>. The program is designed in alignment with Phillips Murrah's goal to create a workplace culture that is open to all needs, perspectives, contributions, experiences, and backgrounds.

Click <u>HERE</u> to read about our 2021 Phillips Murrah Externship program.

Click on the video below to hear about our Externship program from the Externs.

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